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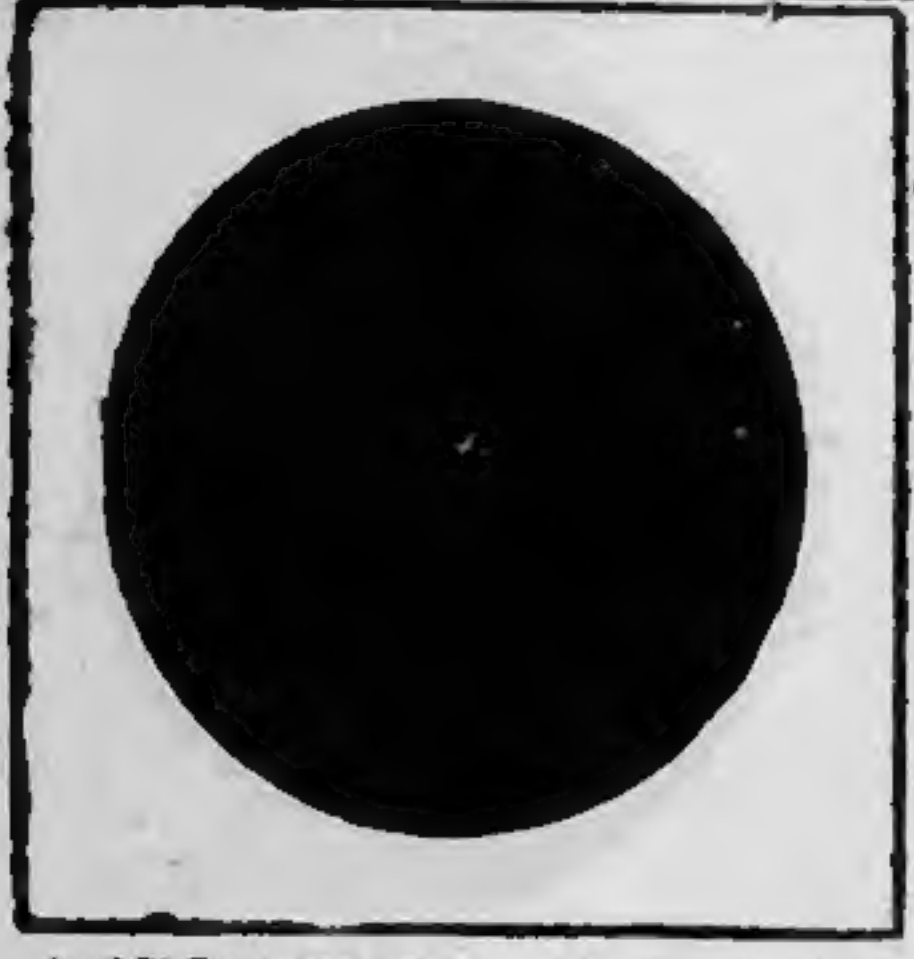

CUT OUT THIS SQUARE AND LAY IT ON SOME SMOOTH, LEVEL SURFACE. PLACE A CLEAN SILVER DOLLAR OVER BLACK SPOT. HAVE READY NINETY-NINE ADDITIONAL SILVER DOLLARS AND PROCEED BY STACKING THEM UP ON THE FIRST DOLLAR IF THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE CAREFULLY FOLLOWED YOU WILL REALIZE HOW VERY DIFFICULT IT IS FOR THE AVERAGE PERSON TO "LAY UP A MILLION."

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AN INGENIOUS METHOD OF TELLING TIME FOR THOSE HAVING NO ACCESS TO WATCHES OR CLOCKS, APPEARED IN A RECENT NUMBER OF THE "JOURNAL DE FOOZELLE."

ON A PIECE OF PLAIN PAPER WRITE DOWN THE TWELVE MAJOR DIVISIONS OF TIME IN TWO COLUMNS

NOW FOLD THE PAPER AND MAKE A GUESS AT THE HOUR. THIS DONE, OPEN THE FOLDED PAPER. IF AFTER THE LAPSE OF FORTY-FIVE MINUTES, OR SUCH A MATTER, YOU ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH THE RESULT CALL UP "CENTRAL" AND ASK THE OPERATOR.

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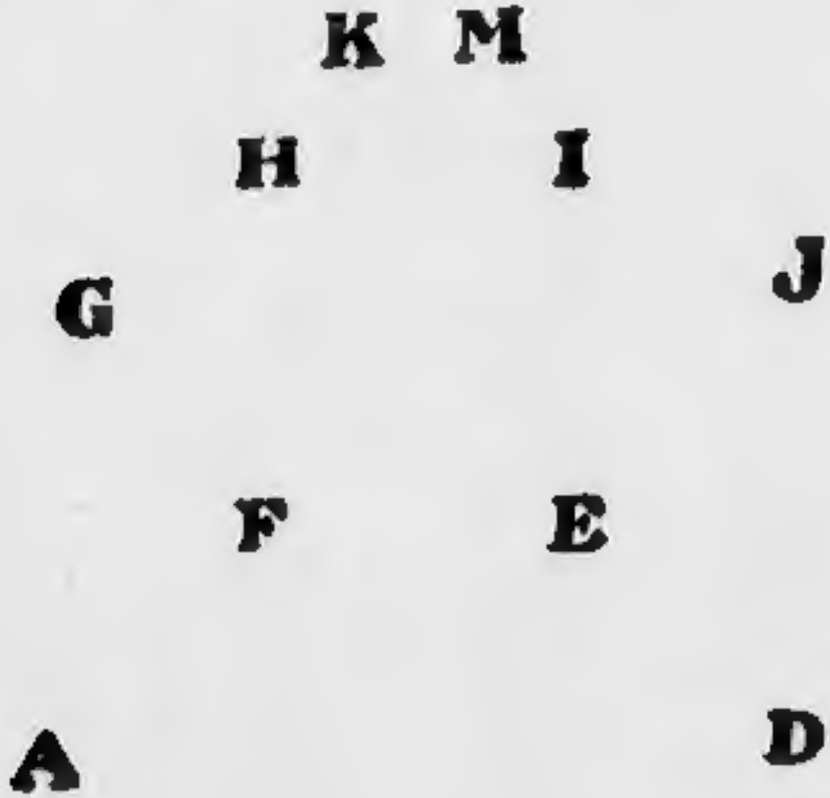

POSSESSING AVERAGE INTELLIGENCE AND A LEAD PENCIL CAN MAKE MONEY IN A VERY SHORT TIME

STARTING AT "A" IN THE DIAGRAM, DRAW A LINE TO "B," THEN TO "C" THEN TO "D," THEN TO "E" THEN TO "F," THEN TO "G," THEN TO "H," THEN TO "I" AND FROM THERE TO "J" NOW DRAW A LINE FROM "K" TO "L," DOING THE SAME FROM "M" TO "N."

BY FOLLOWING THE ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS TO THE LETTER YOU WILL BE CONVINCED THAT MOST ANY PERSON

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TO TEST YOUR POWER OF RESISTANCE TO SHOCK, TAKE A PAIR OF SCISSORS AND CUT OUT THE AREA INSIDE THE DOTTED LINE.

HAVE READY YOUR LAST GROCERY BILL. BY HOLDING THE CIRCULAR OPENING CLOSE TO YOUR EYE AND LOOKING THROUGH YOU WILL SEE HOW FAR THE GROCER HAS HELPED TO PUT YOU IN THE HOLE.

NOW TAKE YOUR PULSE AND TEMPERATURE, AND IF NEITHER SHOWS A DEPARTURE FROM THE NORMAL YOU EITHER ARE A VERY RARE EXCEPTION OR NEVER PAY YOUR DEBTS.

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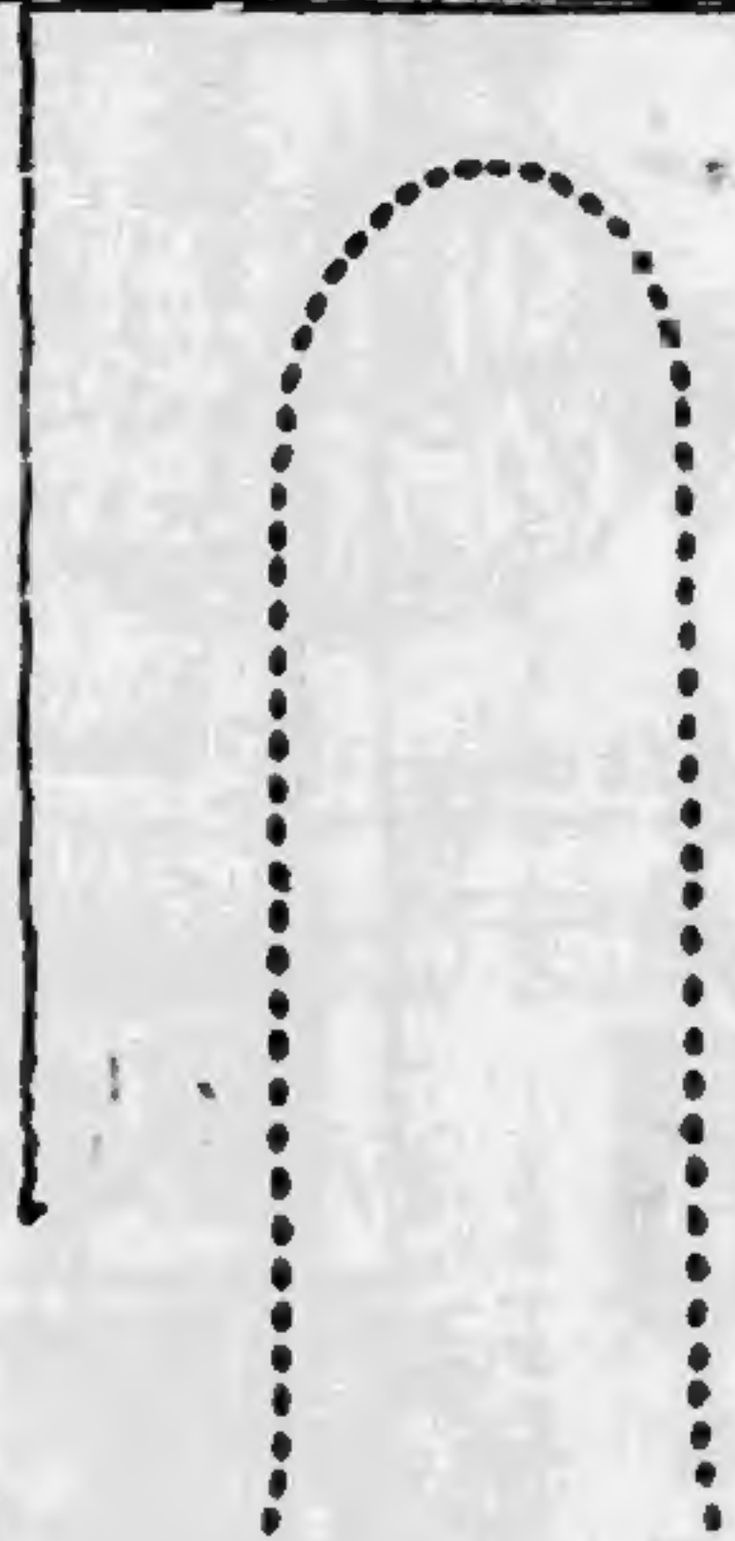

A VERY INTERESTING PHYSIOLOGICAL TEST IS EFFECTED IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER: SELECT AT RANDOM ONE OF YOUR FINGERS. LAY IT ON THE DIAGRAM, INSIDE THE CONFINES OF THE DOTTED LINES. NOTE THE TRANSPARENCY OF THE NAIL. NOTE ALSO A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF REAL ESTATE ENSCONCED DIRECTLY BENEATH THE NAIL.

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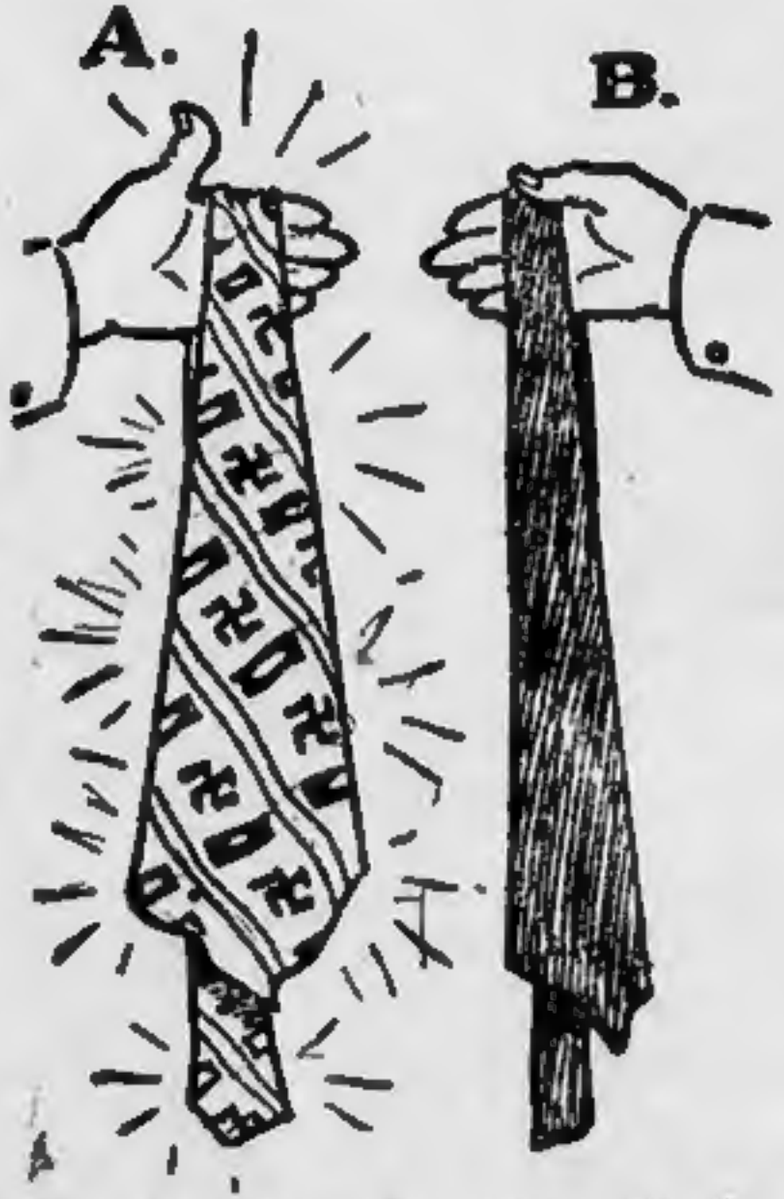

THE FOLLOWING EXPERIMENT WILL INTEREST A LARGE NUMBER OF MALE READERS

AFTER ADJUSTING YOUR COLLAR IN THE MORNING SELECT FROM YOUR DRESSER DRAWER THE LOUDEST TIE YOU CAN FIND. HOLD IT UP IN YOUR LEFT HAND (A). WE WILL NOW ASSUME THAT YOU HAVE AT LEAST ONE OTHER OF QUIET BEHAVIOR, SO HOLD THAT ONE UP IN YOUR RIGHT HAND (B).

PUT ON THE PLAIN TIE AND TAKE THE OTHER ONE DOWN TO THE OFFICE AND PRESENT IT TO THE JANITOR.

IF INSTRUCTIONS ARE FAITHFULLY OBSERVED YOUR SELF RESPECT WILL GO UP SEVERAL POINTS.

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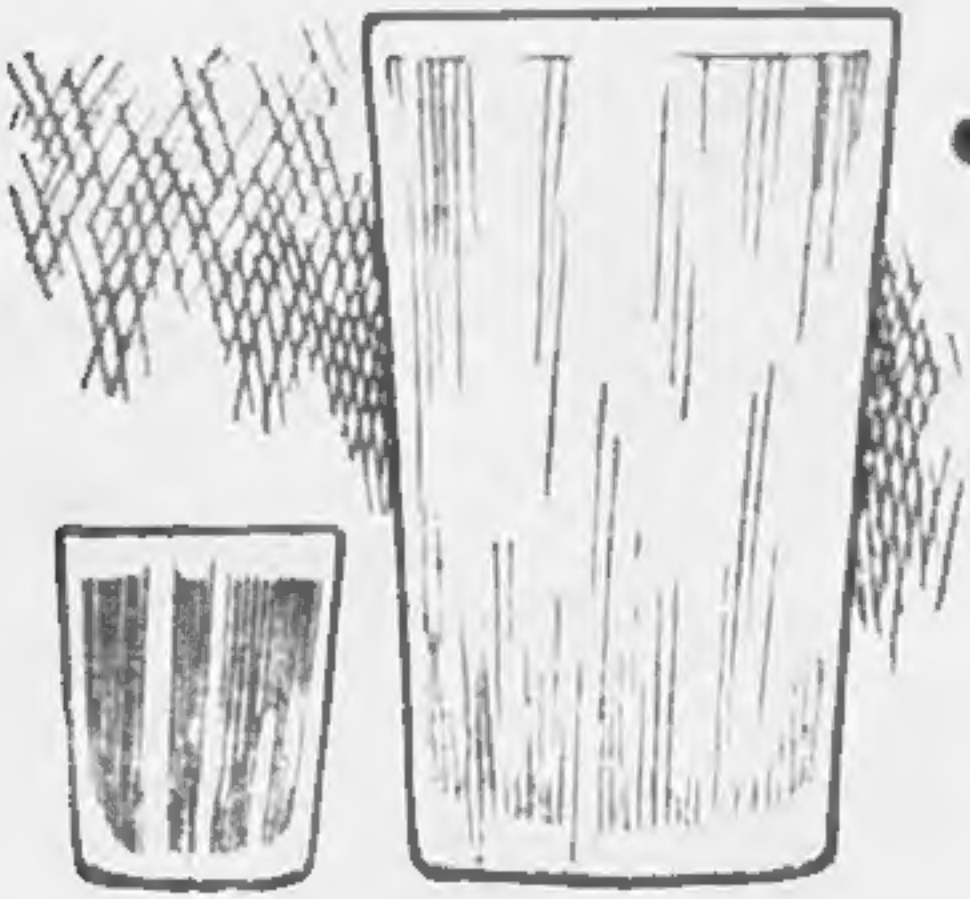
A NEAT LITILE EXPERIMENT WITH COMMON BEVERAGES:—



FILL A WHISKEY GLASS WITH ANY ONE OF THE MANY BRANDS OF WHISKEY, TAKING CARE NOT TO SPILL ANY OF THE LIQUOR NEXT PROCURE A CLEAN TUMBLER AND FILL IT WITH PURE FRESH WATER PLACE SIDE BY SIDE ALLOW THE TWO FLUIDS TO STAND FOR A MOMENT THEN POUR THE WHISKEY BACK INTO THE BOTTLE AND CORK TIGHTLY. NOW DRINK THE WATER AND RETURN THE TWO GLASSES TO THEIR ACCUSTOMED PLACES.

THE SAME RESULTS MAY BE ATTAINED BY USING, INSTEAD OF THE WHISKEY, ANY OTHER POISON YOU MAY SELECT

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ON THE INTELLIGENCE OF MATTER.

REMOVE FROM YOUR BED ROOM ALL THE ARTICLES OF FURNITURE. STATION YOURSELF IN THE CENTER OF THE FLOOR. WHILE IN A STANDING POSITION, HOLD AT ARM'S LENGTH YOUR COLLAR BUTTON AND ALLOW IT TO FALL TO THE FLOOR. NOW NOTE ITS MOVEMENTS. AFTER STRIKING THE FLOOR IT WILL MAKE A BEE-LINE FOR THE SPOT PREVIOUSLY OCCUPIED BY THE BUREAU. AT THIS JUNCTURE POUNCE QUICKLY UPON IT AND YOU MAY RECOVER IT BEFORE IT ESCAPES THROUGH THE CRACK UNDER THE DOOR ON ITS HUNT FOR THE MISSING BUREAU.

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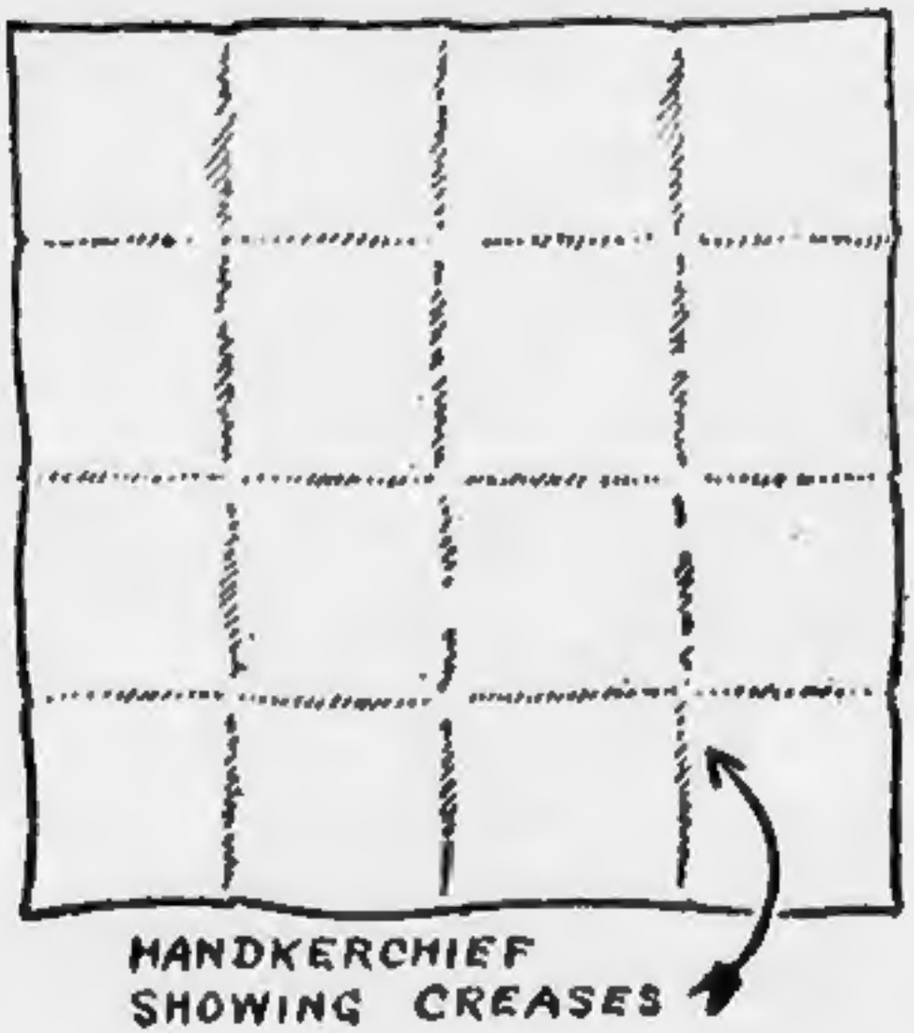
A SIMPLE PROPOSITION:—



HANDKERCHIEF SHOWING CREASES

TAKE A FRESHLY LAUNDERED HANDKERCHIEF, ONE THAT WHEN YOU UNFOLD IT WILL SHOW PLAINLY THE RIGHT ANGLE CREASES DUE TO THE PROCESS OF IRONING. (SEE ILLUSTRATION)

AFTER UNFOLDING, CRUMPLE IT LOOSELY IN THE HAND.

NOW REMOVE FROM YOUR POCKET THE HANDKERCHIEF WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN CARRYING FOR SEVERAL DAYS AND CHUCK IT INTO THE LAUNDRY BAG. WHAT TO DO WITH THE CLEAN ONE OUGHT TO APPEAR PLAIN. NO PARTICULAR SIZE OF HANDKERCHIEF IS REQUIRED FOR DEMONSTRATION.

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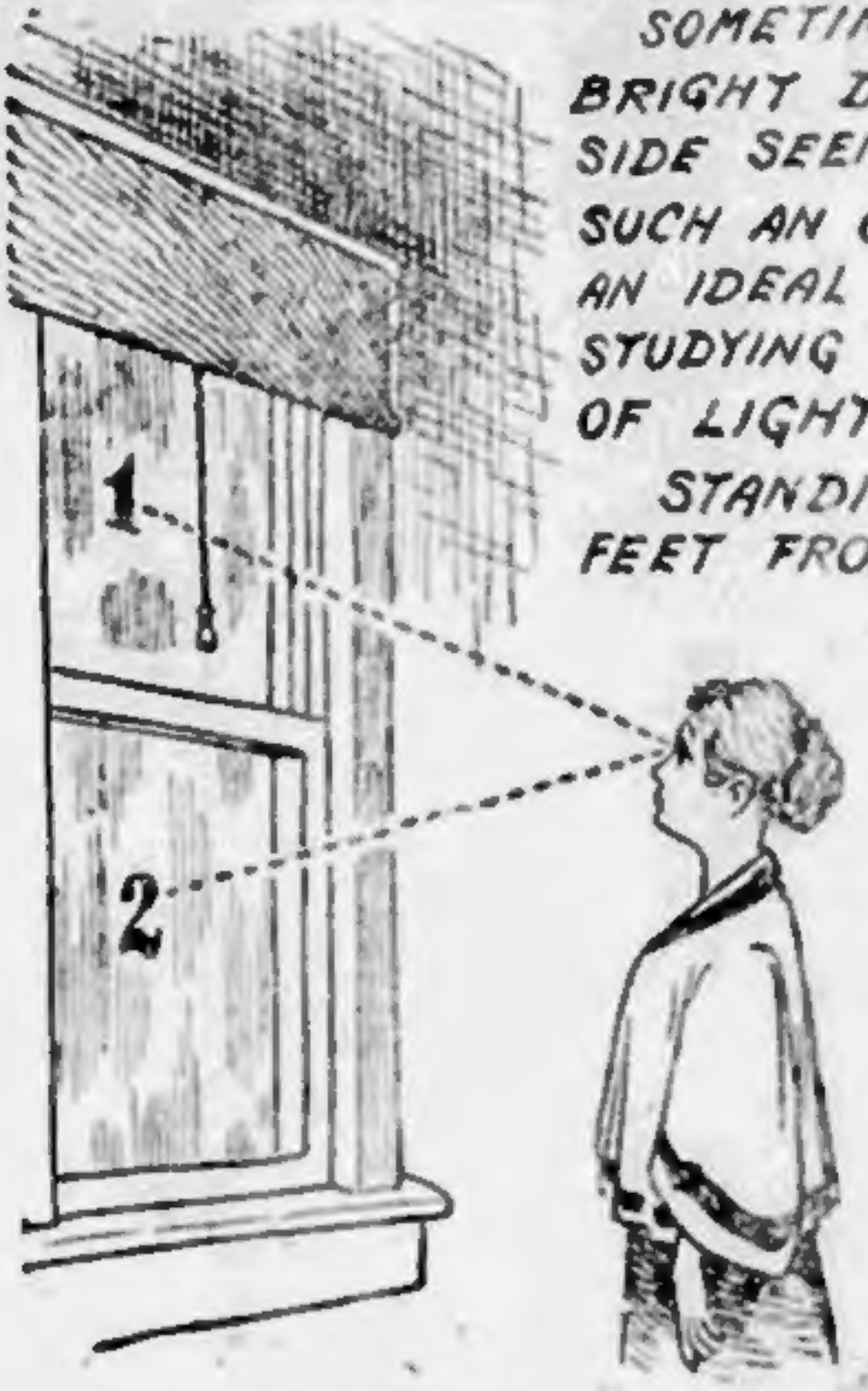

SOMETIMES ON A CLEAR, BRIGHT DAY THE HOUSE INSIDE SEEMS DARK AND DULL. SUCH AN OCCASION PRESENTS AN IDEAL OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDYING THE PECULIARITIES OF LIGHT.

STANDING FOUR OR FIVE FEET FROM A WINDOW, FIX YOUR EYES STEADILY FOR A MOMENT ON THE UPPER PANE (1) THEN SHIFT YOUR GAZE QUICKLY TO THE LOWER ONE (2) REPEAT THIS ACT AT THE OTHER WINDOWS.

BY THIS TIME YOUR POWER OF OBSERVATION WILL REMIND YOU THAT A PAIL OF WATER AND A COUPLE OF RAGS WILL THROW A LOT OF LIGHT ON THE EXPERIMENT.

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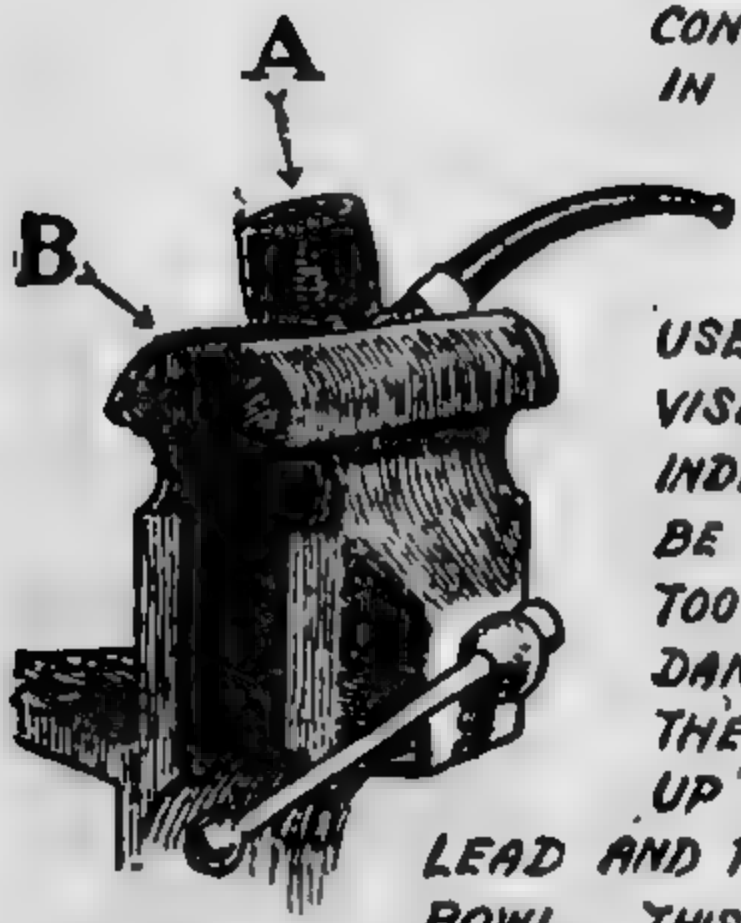

A GREAT VARIETY OF EXPERIMENTS MAY BE CONDUCTED WITH ARTICLES IN COMMON USE. TAKE AN ORDINARY TOBACCO PIPE (A), PREFERABLY ONE THAT HAS BEEN USED. PLACE IT IN A VISE (B) IN THE MANNER INDICATED. CARE MUST BE TAKEN TO NOT CLAMP TOO TIGHTLY OWING TO DANGER OF SPLITTING THE BOWL. NOW MELT UP SOME ODD PIECES OF LEAD AND POUR SLOWLY INTO THE BOWL. THIS SHOULD FILL THE BOWL AND A PART OF THE STEM. AFTER THE METAL HAS COOLED AND SET YOU WILL FIND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO DISLODGE IT WITHOUT RUINING THE PIPE, SO JUST LEAVE IT IN. THE CHANCES ARE THE PIPE IS SO STRONG THAT EVERYBODY ELSE WOULD BE TICKLED TO DEATH TO HAVE IT OUT OF COMMISSION.

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NOW THAT SPRING IS UPON US, THE FOLLOWING EXPERIMENT CAN BE APPLIED TO HEALTHFUL OUTDOOR ACTIVITY.

AFTER SHAPING FOUR POINTED STAKES EIGHT INCHES LONG (A), DRIVE ONE INTO EACH CORNER OF THE BACK YARD, ALLOWING THEM TO PROJECT ABOUT SIX INCHES ABOVE THE SURFACE, AND TIE A BIT OF WHITE RAG ON EACH ONE, THAT THEY MAY BE EASILY LOCATED LATER ON.

CAREFULLY CLEAR THE YARD OF ALL OBSTRUCTIONS, SUCH AS STICKS, BROKEN DISHES, BOTTLES, TIN CANS, DEAD LEAVES, ETC., ETC.

THIS DONE, STEP OFF TO ONE SIDE AND SIZE UP THE MARVELOUS CHANGE. YOU CAN NOW REMOVE THE STAKES AND LEND THEM TO YOUR NEIGHBOR.

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Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

WHAT FOLLOWS MAY SOUND LIKE A PHYSICAL CULTURE STUNT. TO A CERTAIN EXTENT IT IS THAT, BUT FURTHER ATTENTION TO DETAILS WILL REVEAL AN ADDED USE.

PUT YOUR HANDS IN THE POSITION SHOWN IN FIGURE 1. NOW CLOSE THE FINGERS AS SHOWN IN FIGURE 2.

REPEAT THESE MOVEMENTS, AND IF YOU CAN THINK OF SOMETHING MORE USEFUL TO DO, BY ALL MEANS ATTEND TO IT. THE CHANCES ARE YOU WON'T HAVE TO WORK YOUR FINGERS SO VERY LONG.

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AN EXPERIMENT WITH SOME POINT TO IT.

MAKE A THOROUGH SEARCH OF THE HOUSE, COLLECTING AS MANY STRAY PINS AS YOU CAN POSSIBLY FIND. TAKE A PIN-CUSHION OF ANY DESIGN TO SUIT THE TASTE, BUT OF SUFFICIENT SIZE TO ACCOMMODATE THE NUMBER OF PINS HARVESTED. STICK THE PINS IN THE CUSHION AFTER THE MANNER INDICATED IN THE ILLUSTRATION (A. B.)

IF CARE BE TAKEN TO KEEP THE CUSHION SOME PLACE OF SUFFICIENT ELEVATION TO BE OUT OF THE REACH OF THE BABY, AND WHERE IT WILL BE EASY TO FIND WHEN YOU RUN ACROSS ANY MORE PINS, IT WILL HELP TO KEEP THE DOCTOR'S SHADOW FROM THE DOOR.

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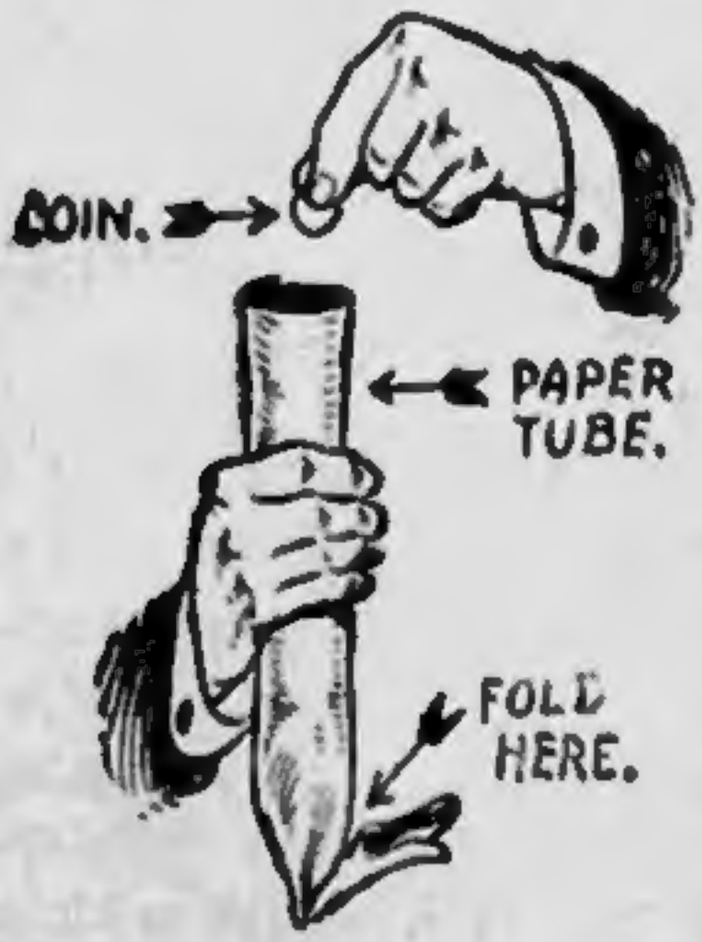
ANOTHER FINANCIAL EXPERIMENT:



ROLL A PIECE OF PAPER INTO A TUBE AND FOLD UP ONE END AFTER THE MANNER SHOWN. DROP A COIN INTO THE TUBE.

NOW INVERT THE TUBE, HOLDING YOUR FREE HAND AT THE OPEN END, AND THE COIN WILL AGAIN APPEAR. REPEAT THIS UNTIL YOU CAN DO IT WITH PERFECT EASE AND PRECISION.

THERE ARE NUMEROUS OTHER WAYS IN WHICH THIS PRINCIPLE MAY BE DEMONSTRATED, BUT EXTREME CAUTION MUST BE OBSERVED OWING TO THE FACT THAT ONE MAY "DROP" HIS MONEY INTO SOME THINGS WHERE THE SIMPLE LAW OF GRAVITATION (OR ANY OTHER LAW) WILL NEVER HAND IT BACK.